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CEREMONIES POINT UP OUR PROBLEMS

1. THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF OASGA OPENED HERE MORNING APRIL 4, WITH SECRETARY ROGERS AND SOMEFIFTEEN FONMINS ATTENDING. CEREMONIAL SPEECHES BY PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT, FONMIN MOE OF BARBADOS AND SEC GEN GALO PLAZA, GOT RIGHT DOWN TO BUSINESS ON WHAT WILL SURELY BE SESSION' S THEME: ADAPTING OAS TO RAPIDLY CHANGING POST-COLD WAR WORLD CONTEXT. ALTHOUGH MOE' S ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS WAS MORE DISMAL THAN PLAZA' S, AND BARBADIAN' S NATIONALISM AND CRITICISM OF U. S. CONTRASTED TO SEC GEN' S EVENHANDEDNESS, BOTH ADMITTED POSSIBILITY THAT RADICAL MEASURES MIGHT BE NECESSARY IF OAS WERE TO KEEP UP WITH TIMES.

2. MOE (WHO WAS SELECTED TO CHAIR BY DRAW OF LOTS) BEMOANED ASSEMBLY- S BEING HELD IN WASHINGTON, SINCE " IN NO OTHER CAPITAL WOULD IT ATTRACT AS LITTLE
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ATTENTION" AS HERE. INDEED, MAJOR CHALLENGE TO I- A SYSTEM WAS U. S. PREOCCUPATION WITH OTHER PARTS OF WORLD AND " LOW PROFILE" TOWARD HEMISPHERE, WHICH SOME CONCLUDED MEANT WEAKENED U. S. COMMITMENT. NIXON LETTER TO CIES MEETING IN BOGOTA SOUGHT TO ASSURE THIS NOT SO, BUT LATINS NOW AWAITING CONCRETE ACTION

TO FULFILL NIXON PROMISES (OF ADMINISTRATION ATTENTION TO L. A.). MEANWHILE, OTHER OAS NATIONS TAKING HEART FROM EASING OF WORLD TENSIONS AND INSISTING ON EACH NATION' S RIGHT TO CHOOSE ITS OWN IDEOLOGY AND SYSTEM: MARXISM- LENINISM NO LONGER HELD INCOMPATIBLE WITH I- A SYSTEM, AND RIGHT OF EACH NATION TO ITS OWN NATURAL RESOURCES NOW BEING RECOGNIZED. MAJOR ASSEMBLY TASK WAS TO REEXAMINE DEVELOPMENTAL COOPERATION, WHICH HITHERTO BASED ON FALSE NOTION OF U. S. GENEROSITY, L. A. GRATITUTDE, AND TO DEFINE FORMULA FOR COOPERATION RECOGNIZING INTERESTS AND OBLIGATIONS BOTH SIDES -- AND OF ALL PEOPLES IN HEMISPHERE.

3. PLAZA NOTED TWO DEVELOPMENTS SINCE CHARTER REFORMED IN 1968: LATINS HAVE LEARNED TO DEFINE COMMON INTERESTS AND ACHIEVE GREATER COHESION, AND HORIZONS OF BOTH U. S. AND LATINS HAVE BROADENED FAR BEYOND HEMISPHERE. IMPACT THESE DEVELOPMENTS ON TEN YEARS OF ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS NOW NEEDS REVIEWING, HOWEVER, AND US/ LA DIALOGUE NEEDS UPDATING -- WITH STRONGER SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY, CLEAR RECOGNITION OF COMMON OR CONVERGENT INTERESTS, AND NEW COMMITMENT TO ACTION. ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS BENEFITTED LATINS, PARTICULARLY IN OPENING EYES TO NEED FOR SELF- HELP. ITS FAULTS LAY IN OVER- SELLING ITSELF. WE MUST ASK NOW WHETHER NEW IDEAS AND PRIORITIES HAVE NOT RENDERED IT OBSOLETE. AND WHAT WOULD TAKE ITS PLACE? WOULDN' T A MORE NORMAL, REGULAR, AND PERMANENT US/ LA RELATIONSHIP BE BETTER, ONE WITHOUT LABELS OR MYSTIQUE OF ANY SORT? PLAZA ENDED ON HOPEFUL NOTE THAT BONDS OF OUR SYSTEM WERE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE CHANGING TIMES AND VARYING INTERESTS IF WE WISHED.

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